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SUBJ: 61ST ECOSOC - AGENDA ITEM 21: ASSISTANCE IN CASES

OF NATURAL DISASTER AND OTHER DISASTER SITUATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OPERATIVE PARAS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION  
BEING FLOATED BY UNDRO SECRETARIAT:

QUOTE

1. TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE REPORT OF THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR, AND OF THE  
SUPPLEMENTARY ORAL REPORT ON ITS PROGRAMME MADE TO THE  
COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-FIRST SESSION BY THE CO-ORDINATOR;

2. CALLS UPON GOVERNMENTS OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS TO GIVE SUPPORT, FOR THE PERIOD ENDING  
31 DECEMBER 1977, TO THE TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3243 (XXIX) AND TO ITS TWO  
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SUB-ACCOUNTS FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND FOR PROGRAMME

COSTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DISASTER PREVENTION AND  
PRE-DISASTER PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENTS,  
ESTABLISHED UNDER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3532 (XXX);

3. RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AT ITS THIRTY-  
FIRST SESSION, EXAMINE THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR  
CONTINUING AFTER 31 DECEMBER 1977 THE STRENGTHENED  
CAPABILITY OF THE CO-ORDINATOR'S OFFICE. END QUOTE

2. LAST OPERATIVE PARA RAISES QUESTION WHETHER TO LEAVE  
ENTIRE ISSUE OF FINANCING A "STRENGTHENED" UNDRO BEYOND  
31 DECEMBER 1977 TO 31ST GA, AS PRESENT LANGUAGE PRO-  
VIDES, OR TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE 61ST ECOSOC ADOPT SPECIFIC  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY GA.

3. UKDEL WHICH IS ONLY ONE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONSULT  
THUS FAR, INCLINED ACCEPT THIS PARA AS IT STANDS BUT COULD  
ALSO GO ALONG WITH BROADER TREATMENT, PARTICULARLY  
INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE RECOMMENDING REGULAR BUDGET  
FINANCING OF BULK OF UNDRO'S REGULAR OPERATING COSTS.

4. WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED OPERATIVE PARA 2 WITH UKDEL  
WHO AGREES THAT IT IS TROUBLESOME BUT FEELS ISSUES  
PRESENTED THEREIN MUST BE APPROACHED CAREFULLY, IF AT ALL,  
GIVEN LDC SENSITIVITIES AND CONCERNS ON ALL QUESTIONS  
TOUCHING ON RESOURCE FLOWS. IN THIS CONNECTION THERE ARE  
RUMORS THAT G-77 AND PARTICULARLY THE AFRICANS MAY TRY  
TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CREATION OF LARGE NEW  
VOLUNTARY FUND FOR EXPRESS PURPOSE OF ENABLING UNDRO TO  
BECOME SUBSTANTIAL (AND OPERATIONAL) DONOR.

5. KEY POINT NOT RAISED IN UNDRO SECRETARIAT DRAFT IS,  
OF COURSE, QUESTION OF PRIORITIES. HOWEVER, UNDRO  
COORDINATOR BERKOL'S STATEMENT TO COUNCIL (OF WHICH WE  
HAVE OBTAINED ADVANCE COPY) CONTAINS FOLLOWING PARA  
ADDRESSING THIS ASPECT:

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AS HAS BEEN NOTED IN THE REPORT, IT IS EVEN NOW NONE  
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TOO SOON TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF MY OFFICE  
WHICH ARE SUPPORTED BY THE TRUST FUND. NONE OF THESE  
SHOULD BE INTERRUPTED IF WORK ALREADY IN PROGRESS IS NOT  
TO BE WASTED. IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, MY INTENTION IS  
TO GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO AN INCREASE IN THE EFFICIENCY OF  
THE RELIEF CO-ORDINATION ACTIVITIES. THE SECOND PRIORITY  
WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARDS PREPAREDNESS, THAT IS TO SAY,  
THE GIVING OF ADVICE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GOVERN-

MENTS OF DISASTER-PRONE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO THAT THEY CAN THEMSELVES TAKE THE MANY MEASURES NECESSARY TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION SHOULD DISASTER STRIKE. FINALLY, WORK WILL BE CONTINUED ON PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF DISASTERS, PARTICULARLY WITH A VIEW TO THE FORMULATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DISASTER PREVENTION, A STRATEGY CALLED FOR BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RE-EMPHASISED IN RESOLUTION 3440 (XXX). END QUOTE.

6. WHILE USDEL STRONGLY TEMPTED DESPITE FOREGOING STATEMENT TO TRY FOR OPERATIVE LANGUAGE STRESSING PRIMACY OF UNDRO'S RELIEF COORDINATION ROLE, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PROSPECT THAT SUCH EFFORT WOULD PROVOKE PREJUDICIAL G-77 REACTION. WE PLAN TO ADDRESS PRIORITIES ISSUE FIRMLY, IN ANY CASE, IN USDEL STATEMENT.

7. ITEM SCHEDULED FOR DEBATE TUESDAY, JULY 20. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S REACTIONS/INSTRUCTIONS ASAP.DALE

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